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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best with some caution noted. Demand was seasonally light to moderate at best with orders limited to regular commitments, and interest centered on other holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to at times ample for heavier weights in the West. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for midweek trading. Wings were irregular, but available if needed. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with drums often slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to 78.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on November 08, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.50
BREASTS - B/S	138.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50
LEG QUARTERS	43.50
WINGS	112.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady at best. Demand into all channels was seasonally light to fair, best for fast food and ads, but usually more focused on other holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best for midweek trading. Wings were mixed, but available. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available, and dark meat cuts were adequate to fully sufficient with drums in the longest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained seasonally light to fair as dealers limited orders to normal commitments. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on a cautious to barely steady undertone. Offers were moderate on very light trade call. Fill-in on 3 up wogs noted at 54 cents. Movement in to retail and food service was light to moderate. Retailers reported limited and tapering spike for first of month; fast food promos were best draw. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts trade activity was as needed basis. Parts supplies were adequate. The market tone on parts was steady; undertone mixed on wings and barely steady on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Whole body offerings, although mixed, were adequate to ample. Heavy weights were in the longest position. Buying activity was only fair; as interest in up-coming holidays garnered most of the attention. Retailer demand was mostly moderate, but fairly good where promoted. Floor stocks were mainly adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 3, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 3, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through November 3, 2007 were 7.75 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 11/03/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET		205,783	198,175	+04
CHICKS PLACED		171,582	165,516	+04

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Dec-07 is estimated at 159.4 million head. This compares to 158.8 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.13 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOV 07

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	298	115.00-150.00	-	124.46	BREAST - B/S	291	113.00-148.00	-	122.98
TENDERLOINS	124	105.00-140.00	115-125	120.48	TENDERLOINS	118	105.00-140.00	115-125	120.13
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	402	38.00-41.00	38-40	39.31	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	407	38.00-41.00	38-40	39.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	830	38.00-45.00	41-43	42.64	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	779	38.00-45.00	41-43	42.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	264	100.00-115.00	-	110.74	WINGS (WHOLE)	244	100.00-115.00	-	110.80
WINGS (CUT)	131	115.00-124.00	-	121.32	WINGS (CUT)	116	115.00-124.00	-	121.36
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	110	100.00-115.00	-	110.55	B/S THIGHS	104	100.00-115.00	-	110.29

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 48.50	46.99	46.00 - 48.50	47.15	47.67

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest continued seasonally light to fair at best for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully adequate to available for current needs. Drums were readily available and slow to clear; other dark meats cuts and wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for drums; barely steady for boneless skinless breast and tenders. The balance of items were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

NOV 06				NOV 07			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	128.38	545,340	BREAST - B/S	130	127.45	408,240
TENDERLOINS	120	116.72	214,810	TENDERLOINS	120	122.83	45,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	75.03	164,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	73.06	119,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.19	75,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.21	77,400
LEGS	59-60	59.73	121,920	LEGS	59-60	63.04	111,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.46	266,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.53	201,360
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	60.92	92,821	DRUMSTICKS	52-53	59.07	97,055
THIGHS	50-51	58.34	75,640	THIGHS	50-51	56.36	81,240
B/S THIGHS	112-113	113.49	67,520	B/S THIGHS	112-113	115.41	55,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	111.79	124,137	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	112.35	149,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.24	32,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.87	35,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.72	8,320	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.97	8,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	62.17	35,320	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	59.71	39,200

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	11/07	11/06	11/05	11/02	11/05	11/02		10/31	
Alabama	4,131	4,155	4,126	4,229	5.68	5.68	4,054	5.70	
Arkansas	5,536	5,469	5,117	4,838	5.52	5.36	5,283	5.59	
Delmarva	2,231	2,315	2,310	2,345	5.94	5.73	2,284	6.10	
KY-LA-TN	2,408	2,429	2,414	2,422	5.27	5.03	2,299	5.22	
Mississippi	3,015	2,981	3,127	3,248	5.78	5.61	2,984	5.79	
North Carolina	2,930	2,957	2,819	3,241	7.11	7.15	2,715	7.06	
Texas	2,510	2,505	2,543	2,564	5.50	5.36	2,582	5.60	
Total	22,761	22,811	22,456	22,887	5.80	5.72	22,201	5.83	
Mon-Wed	68,307 (A)						66,504 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Nov-07 is estimated to be 34,053,000 head up 2.22 percent from a week ago and up 5.13 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,315,000, last year 32,392,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 140
	DRY PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	199-204

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/10/07 (1)	11/03/07
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	171,276(2)	171,900
Light hens	1,032	1,142
Heavy hens	1,469	1,702
Total	173,777	174,744

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Nov-07 is 164.0 million head compared to 168.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.6 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Nov-07 the estimated available is 160.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/05/07	72,151	81,488
AM 10/01/07	107,745	66,944
CHG	-35,594	14,544
PCT CHG	-33	22

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/05/07	10/29/07	11/06/06	11/05/07	10/29/07	11/06/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,178	4,293	2,001	12,033	11,948	11,250
LOS						
ANGELES	178	194	243	1,414	1,458	2,867

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007

	RANGE	
HENS	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	73-81
	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)	75-93

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 11/06/07				FOR 11/06/07		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.80	.64	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.75	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	..95	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	2.20	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.35	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.25	1.80	1.46	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.80	1.52	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.05	2.05	1.55	RABBITS ea.	1.00	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	6.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	276						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending November 2,2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	55.18	152.80	89.14	21.22	8.49	63.67
High	64.52	165.54	101.87	25.47	12.73	63.67
Mostly	55.18	157.05	93.38	21.22	8.49	63.67
SAN JUAN						
Low	55.18	148.56	93.38	16.98	8.49	61.55
High	65.37	157.05	106.11	25.47	12.73	61.55
Mostly	55.18	152.80	97.62	21.22	10.61	61.55
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.30	157.05	93.38	21.22	8.49	67.91
High	66.64	165.54	110.36	25.47	12.73	67.91
Mostly	57.30	161.29	101.87	21.22	12.73	67.91
BECERRA						
Low	59.42	161.29	101.87	21.22	8.49	72.16
High	67.91	169.78	114.60	29.71	16.98	72.16
Mostly	59.42	165.54	106.11	25.47	12.73	72.16

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued seasonally light to fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were at least sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were reported as at least adequate to readily available and wings were mixed, but available.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

60-85
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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